

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Delmarva Power and Light House Survey Number: D-704
Project: Dorchester County Power Plant Agency: Delmarva
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Currently owned by Delmarva Power and Light Company, this property was historically a part of The Otto Farm, a large tract of land consolidated during the mid-19th century. Today, the property consists of approximately 280 acres, a mid-20th-century primary residence and four contemporaneous outbuildings. The property is not considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The primary residence is a 2-1/2-story American four-square type dwelling built in 1928. It is surrounded by cultivated fields and mature shade trees. The house is of frame construction, is three bays wide and is covered with a pyramidal roof with hipped roof dormers on the front and rear elevations. Several alterations have been made to the house including asbestos siding, a rear porch addition and an addition on the west elevation. Three frame sheds and a garage/storage shed are located on the property, all of which date to the mid-20th century and are contemporaneous to the main dwelling.

Although the property retains its historic setting and provides a good example of a small Eastern shore farm complex, the house is a representative example of an early 20th-century American four-square house and does not have the architectural distinction necessary to qualify it for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Archaeological testing conducted near the property indicates that the property is not eligible under Criterion D.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: MAAR Associates

Beth Hannold and Kim Williams 1/25/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes no not applicable
Quinto Redoit Feb. 13, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT**I. Geographic Region:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/> Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

V. Resource Type:Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

D-704 - Delmarva Power and Light House

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme: Agriculture and Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling, Secondary Structures

Known Design Source: None

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic NONE - Subdivision of "Otto Farm"

and/or common Delmarva Power and Light House

2. Location

street & number North of U.S. Route 50

city, town Vienna ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Delmarva Power and Light

street & number 800 King Street telephone no.: (302)454-4101

city, town Wilmington state and zip code DE 19801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Courthouse liber PLC-302

street & number High Street folio 714

city, town Cambridge state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. D -704

Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

Survey No. D - 704

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. D -704

"A Phase I Cultural Resources Survey Performed in Association with a Proposed Coal Fired Power Plant on the Handley-Otto-Marousek Tract Located in Dorchester Co., Maryland", prepared by Maar Associates, Inc. for Delmarva Power & Light Company, October 1993.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6.17aQuadrangle name RhodesdaleQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 56, Parcel 3

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lauren Archibald and Judith Rosentel and Betty C. Zebookerorganization MAAR Associates, Inc.date March 1994street & number P.O. Box 655telephone (302) 368-5777city or town Newarkstate DE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

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This is an American four-square house with two stories and a three bay facade. The building has a steeply pitched hipped roof with a center brick chimney. The frame house has a front and rear dormer, and windows are 2/2, double-hung, sash type with green louvered shutters. The structure has been covered with asbestos siding. There are some stained glass window panes. On the front of the house is a full porch which has been enclosed, and a small rear porch has been added. On the west side of the house is a very small frame addition which is pierced by a new chimney on the exterior wall.

The property is surrounded by cultivated land and there are ornamental trees directly around the house and along the long, winding driveway.

Outbuildings

There are four outbuildings on the property, all of which date to approximately the mid-twentieth century. Structures to the east of the house include a frame, four-bay open shed with gable roof, a smaller wood plank structure with a low pitched gable roof, and shed-roofed structure with exposed rafter ends and constructed on concrete blocks. This structure has windows, a single-panel door, and a small chimney that leads to a stove inside. To the northwest of the house is a frame garage/storage shed.

8. Significance

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The Otto Farm, of which this property is a subdivision, was made up of parts of eight historic tracts of land, the nucleus of which was consolidated by William Jackson, Stephen Rawleigh, and Silas Fleming in the mid-nineteenth century. Subsequent owners bought and sold various parcels of land, altering both the acreage and configuration of the property.

Architectural evidence suggests that the house was erected in the early twentieth century, probably as tenant housing on the edge of a large farm tract. The most likely construction date for the house is ca. 1928, when T. Columbus Reid acquired a right-of-way over neighboring land to U.S. Route 50. This right-of-way was conveyed with the house when it was subdivided from the Otto Farm proper.

This is a typical example of an early twentieth four-square house. While the historic integrity of the setting is excellent, the structure is unremarkable for its architectural qualities. This type of residence was common not only in Dorchester County, but throughout the Delmarva Region.

Based on Criteria A, B and C, the property would not be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological testing near the property (see MAAR Associates, Inc. 1993) indicates that the area directly around the house property would not be eligible under Criterion D. The archaeological work found remains of an early to mid-twentieth century structure approximately 300 feet northeast of the existing house.

D-704 - Chain of Title

(Otto Farm, Dr. S.S. Ewell Farm, parts of "The Forest, John's Discovery, Addition to Bartholomew's Close, Travers Honey Sucle [sic], Bromwell's Regulation, Maginnis Beginning," Sarah's Land, Collins Lot)

6 November 1831

ER-12-148

William Jackson

to

Stephen Rawleigh

Tract of land cont. 253 acres more or less including parts of Maguires Beginning, Daniel's Helicon, Sarah's Land .

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8. Significance continued

9 June 1853
FJH-2-336
Stephen Rawleigh
to
Silas Fleming

Land on the road from Cambridge to Vienna near Big Mills cont. 253 acres more or less.

21 April 1857
Land Commissioners Records FJH-1-80
Est. of Silas Fleming
to
Charles Pattison

Tract # 1 located on the Chicamacomico River cont. 269 acres more or less, part of tracts called Sarah's Land and Maguires Beginning

15, November 1871
(FJH-8-263)
William Layton, trustee of the est. of Charles Pattison
to
Dr. S.S. Ewell

Above described parcel of land.

1 April 1919
(1 April 1919)
Dr. S.S. Ewell
to
T. Columbus Reid

Dr. S.S. Ewell Farm among other property

26 December 1928
JFD-23-182
Emma Stapleford
to
T. Columbus Reid

ROW 33' wide to Rt. 50, Ocean Highway.

24 May 1932
Will Book RSP-4-465
L.W.&T. of T. Columbus Reid

Devised to Hannibal H. Reid among other property

24 August 1949
RSM-70-215
Calvin L. Brinsfield, trustee est. of Hannibal H. Reid
to
Walter M. Stitley

387.645 acres of land w/ ROW to Route 50 inc. parts of "The Forest," "John's Discovery," "Addition to Bartholomew's Close," "Bromwell's Regulation on Hall's Seat," "Maginnis Beginning," Sarah's Land," and "Collins Lot."

28 August 1950
RSM-73-213
Walter M. Stitley
to
Fred J. Walker

Tract of land described above.

9 January 1990
PLC-260-85
Lola M. Walker
to
Robert G. and Karen Otto

Tract of land described above.

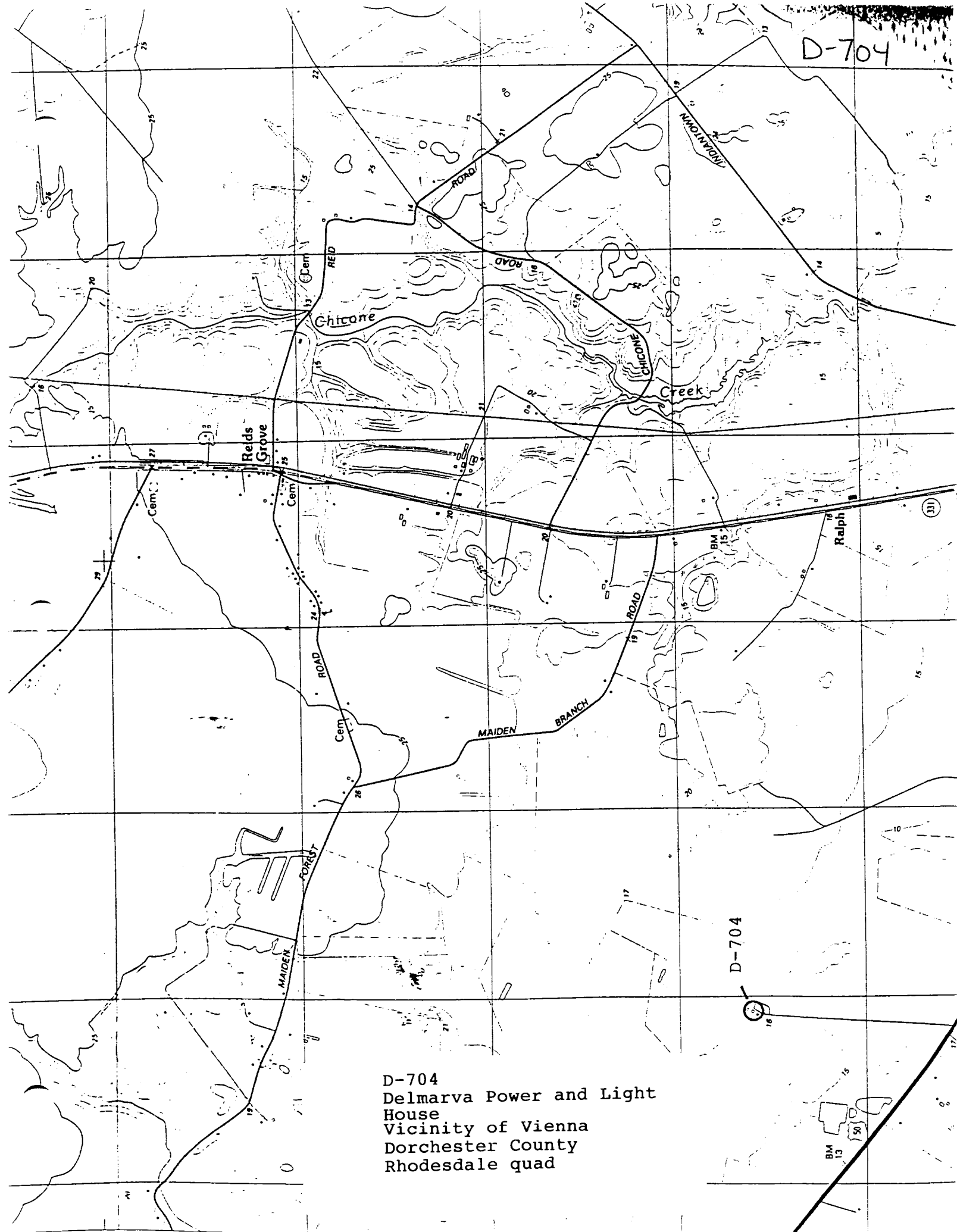
24 May 1932
Will Book RSP-4-465
L.W.&T. of T. Columbus Reid

Parcel #2 - 6.09 acres with dwelling house part of above-described.

7 April 1994
PLC-302-714
Robert G. Otto
to
Delmarva Power and Light

Two parcels of land one cont. 235.1 acres, the other cont. 4.18 acres w/ 33'
ROW across adjacent land to Route 50, Ocean Highway.

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Delmarva Power and Light
House
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Dorchester County
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DULLES, VA

M. REINHOLD

FEBRUARY 1994

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DP & L House
DORCHESTER, MD

J. ROSENTEL

SEPTEMBER 1993

MARYLAND SHPO

VIEW OF East elevation, looking W

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OPL House

DORCHESTER, MD

J. ROSENTEL

SEPTEMBER 1993

MARYLAND SHOP

VIEW OF MAIN (SOUTH) FACADE
LOOKING N

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701

13.46 House

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1000 1000

1000 1000

1000 1000

Overview of property history

4.46



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DPXL House

DORCHESTER, MD

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SEPTEMBER 1993

MARYLAND SITPO

VIEW OF OUTBUILDINGS to east of
house, looking NW

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DPTL House

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SEPTEMBER 1993

MARYLAND SHPO

OVERVIEW OF PROPERTY Looking SW

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